

IN THE MATTER OF \* BEFORE THE  
V.K. SURESH RAJAN, M.D. \* STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIAN  
Respondent \* QUALITY ASSURANCE  
License Number: D23312 \* Case Number: 91-0128

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**MODIFIED CONSENT ORDER**

**THIRD MODIFICATION**

On July 22, 1992, V.K. Suresh Rajan, M.D. (the "Respondent"), entered into a Consent Order with the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance (the "Board")<sup>1</sup>. Pursuant to the terms of the Consent Order, Respondent's medical license was suspended effective August 22, 1992. The Order further provided that the Respondent could petition the Board for a stay of suspension of his medical license no earlier than six (6) months from the date of the suspension.

On November 17, 1993, the Board granted Respondent's Petition for Stay of Suspension and executed a new Consent Order<sup>2</sup>, reinstating the Respondent's license and placing him on probation for three (3) years, subject to numerous conditions. Specifically, Respondent was permitted to practice in a Board approved practice setting, which included weekly supervision by a Board approved supervisor. Furthermore, Respondent was required to attend psychotherapy.

On June 2, 1994, the Board issued a Modified Consent Order<sup>3</sup>, expanding Respondent's practice setting and no longer requiring him to attend psychotherapy.

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<sup>1</sup>The Consent Order, dated July 22, 1992, is incorporated by reference in this Order and available upon request.

<sup>2</sup>The Consent Order, dated November 17, 1993, is incorporated by reference in this Order and available upon request.

<sup>3</sup>The Modified Consent Order, dated June 2, 1994, is incorporated by reference in this Order and available upon request.



On August 1, 1995, the Board issued a Modified Consent Order - Second Modification,<sup>4</sup> allowing the Respondent to practice medicine in a private practice limited to medication monitoring. Respondent was still required to meet with a supervisor on a monthly basis and was to be subjected to two additional peer reviews.

On December 18, 1996 and January 8, 1997, the Board's Case Resolution Conference (the "CRC") convened to address the Respondent's request for termination of probation.

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland was suspended on August 22, 1992.

2. On November 17, 1993, the Respondent's license was reinstated and placed under a three (3) year probationary period, subject to certain terms and conditions.

3. Subsequent to this Order, the Board issued two modified Consent Orders, which also required the Respondent to comply with certain conditions of probation, including the Respondent's participation in two (2) additional peer reviews.

4. On May 11, 1995, the Board received the peer review report, which indicated that the Respondent had complied with the conditions of the Order and the charts revealed no evidence of substandard care.

5. On October 2, 1996, the Board received the second peer review report, whereby the reviewers raised some concerns in very specific areas, and recommended extending the probationary period.

6. The Respondent's supervisor submitted a letter to the Board, dated November 6, 1996, stating that he believes the Respondent has complied fully with the letter and the spirit of the

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<sup>4</sup>The Modified Consent Order - Second Modification, dated August 1, 1995, is incorporated by reference in this Order and available upon request.



Consent Order and has earned the privilege to pursue his profession with no restrictions.

Furthermore, on October 23, 1996, the Board received a psychiatric evaluation by Dr. William Wimmer, who concluded that the Respondent is not a danger to patients and does not require restrictions to his medical license.

7. On December 4, 1996, the Respondent appeared before the Board's CRC with a request for termination of probation. On December 18, 1996, at its monthly Board meeting, the Board reviewed Respondent's petition and voted to deny Respondent's request for termination of probation. The Board requested that the Respondent appear before the CRC to discuss further modifications to the existing Order.

8. On January 8, 1997, the Respondent, with his attorney, appeared before the CRC. The CRC recommended extending the probationary period for one year, allowing the Respondent to expand his practice to include psychotherapy, and requiring that the Respondent enroll in a Board approved medical ethics course. Furthermore, the CRC recommended that the Respondent continue in supervision with the current supervisory physician.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that as a matter of law the Respondent has complied with the conditions and terms imposed under the probationary period.

#### **ORDER**

Based on the Foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1997, by a majority of the full authorized membership of the Board of Physician Quality Assurance hereby

**ORDERED** that Respondent's Modified Consent Order - Second Modification, dated August 1, 1995, shall be modified as follows:

1. The Respondent is permitted to continue to practice medicine in a private practice and



such practice shall be expanded to include psychotherapy in addition to medication monitoring;

2. The Respondent's practice shall continue to be supervised by Bert Nayfack, M.D. If at anytime Dr. Nayfack believes that the Respondent is a danger to his patients or himself, is not competent to practice psychiatry or is in violation of this Modified Consent Order, he shall immediately notify the Board and Respondent. The Respondent and his supervisor shall meet on a monthly basis. The supervisor shall submit quarterly written reports to the Board; such reports shall address Respondent's overall practice of psychiatry, including Respondent's understanding of boundary violations;

3. The Respondent shall participate in a Board approved medical ethics course;


4. The Respondent shall conduct his medical practice in a fully competent and adequate manner and meet the appropriate standard of care for the delivery of quality medical care in the State of Maryland;

5. If the Respondent violates any of the foregoing terms and conditions of probation, the Board, after notice, a hearing and a determination of a violation, may impose any additional disciplinary sanctions it deems appropriate.

**ORDERED** that the three (3) year period of probation, ordered on November 17, 1993, shall be extended for one year; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this Modified Consent Order/Third Modification is a Public Document pursuant to Maryland State Gov't Code Ann. §10-611 et. seq.

6-29-97  
Date

  
Suresh C. Gupta, M.D.  
Chair





**CONSENT**

By signing this Modified Consent Order - Third Modification, I hereby agree to be bound by the foregoing Order and its conditions and restrictions as set forth in pages one (1) through four (4).

1. I acknowledge the validity of this Order as if made after a hearing in which I would have the right to Counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf and to all other substantive and procedures protections provided by law.

2. I recognize that I am waiving my right to appeal any adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed any such hearing. By this consent, I waive all rights.

3. I understand that if I fail to comply with any of the conditions set forth above, I may be subject to further disciplinary action against my license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland.

4. I, V.K. Suresh Rajan, M.D., have read this Modified Consent Order - Third Modification fully and I have been given the opportunity to review each and every part of it, with the counsel of my choice. I understand this Order and voluntarily agree to this Order with full understanding of its meaning and effect.

Jan 24, 1997  
Date

V.K. Suresh Rajan M.D.  
V.K. Suresh Rajan, M.D.

**STATE OF MARYLAND**  
**COUNTY/CITY OF** Cumberland

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 24 day of January, 1997, before me, a Notary Public for the State of Maryland and County/City aforesaid, personally



appeared V.K. Suresh Rajan, M.D. and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing Order was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notary Seal.

February 1, 1999  
My Commission Expires:

Jessie E. Sullivan  
Notary Public